

Bob Schmieder:

I had to explain that this was going to be a project. It's not a sport dive. It's a scientific dive. We are not going there to see beautiful things. In fact the predictions, which I know to be wrong, but I wasn't sure how they would be wrong, the predictions were that it would be a pretty boring dive. It's too deep and too dark. In other words I was discouraging people who would call because I knew that most of them were enthusiastic sport divers and that's not what I needed. I needed a patiently prepared and willing to prepare extensively scientifically oriented diver.